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Applicant : Naoto Kusumoto et al.      Art Unit : Unknown  
Serial No. : New Continuation Application      Examiner : Unknown  
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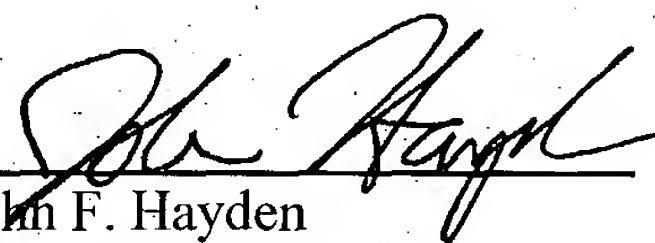
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 9 pages.

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Respectfully submitted,

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